

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3, and 18, such that the status of the claims is as follows:

1.(Currently Amended) A shear for mounting to an all-terrain vehicle comprising:

a frame for connecting to a support structure of the all-terrain vehicle, the frame comprising:

a first frame member comprising a single non-pivoting stanchion for connecting to the all-terrain vehicle; and

a second frame member comprising a single metal tube pivotally connected to the first frame member, the second frame member being transverse to the first frame member and being pivotal ~~only in the~~ about a horizontal direction axis;

a shear attached to the second frame member; and

a hydraulic system attached to the shear for actuating said shear, the hydraulic system being mounted to the all-terrain vehicle.

2.(Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the hydraulic system comprises:

a power source separate than that which powers the all-terrain vehicle;

a hydraulic pump connected to the power source; and,

a control system for controlling the hydraulic system.

3.(Currently Amended) A vegetation cutting apparatus for connection to an all-terrain vehicle, the apparatus comprising:

a frame for mounting to the all-terrain vehicle, the frame comprising:

a first frame member comprising a single stanchion for connecting to the all-terrain vehicle;

a second frame member attached to the first frame member, the second frame member extending forward relative to the all-terrain vehicle;

a shear comprising: ~~a first shear blade member having a proximal end and distal end, with a blade located adjacent the distal end; and,~~

a first shear blade member having a proximal end and distal end, with a blade located adjacent the distal end; and

a second shear blade member having a proximal end and a distal end, with a blade located adjacent the distal end, the second shear blade member being movable relative to the first shear blade member to cut an object placed between the respective blades of the first and second shear blade members;

wherein the first blade member and the second blade member are pivotally connected to the second frame member about a common pivot point; and

wherein the first blade member is connected to a means for actuating by a first linking member, the first linking member being pivotally fastened to the ~~converse proximate~~ proximate end of the blade end of the first blade member and pivotally connected to ~~[[a]]~~ the means for actuating; and wherein the second blade member is connected to the means for actuating by a second linking member, the second linking member being pivotally fastened to the ~~converse proximate~~ proximate end of the blade end of the second blade member and pivotally connected to the means for actuating.

4.(Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the means for actuating comprises:
a first hydraulic cylinder having a first end attached to the first linking member and the second linking member, and a second end attached to the second frame member; and,
a hydraulic system connected to the first hydraulic cylinder.

5.(Original) The apparatus of claim 4 wherein the hydraulic system comprises:
a power source separate than that which powers the all-terrain vehicle;
a hydraulic pump connected to the power source; and,
a control system for controlling the hydraulic system.

6.(Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the control system comprises a control valve to actuate the first hydraulic cylinder, wherein the control system is mounted proximal to a seat of the all-terrain vehicle.

7.(Original) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the first frame member and second frame member are connected by a supporting member.

8.(Original) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the supporting member comprises a second hydraulic cylinder having a proximal end and a distal end, wherein the proximal end of the second hydraulic cylinder attaches to the first frame member and the distal end of the second hydraulic cylinder attaches to the second frame member, and wherein the second hydraulic cylinder connects to the hydraulic system.

9.(Canceled)

10.(Canceled)

11.**(Canceled)**

12.**(Original)** The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the first frame member pivotally connects to the second frame member.

13.**(Previously Presented)** The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the first frame member is attached to a front grill of the all-terrain vehicle with a first linking brace and a second linking brace, the first linking brace and second linking brace each having a proximal and distal end, wherein the proximal end of the first linking brace is fastened to the first frame member and the distal end of the first linking brace is fastened to the front grill, and wherein the proximal end of the second linking brace is fastened to the first frame member and the distal end of the second linking brace is fastened to the front grill.

14.**(Previously Presented)** An all terrain vehicle containing a shear system, the shear system comprising:

- a beam attached to the all-terrain vehicle, the beam extending from the all-terrain vehicle; and
- a shear attached to the beam, the shear comprising:
 - a first shear blade member having proximal end and distal end, with a blade located adjacent the distal end;
 - a second shear blade member having a proximal end and a distal end, with a blade located adjacent the distal end, the second shear blade member being movable relative to the first shear blade member to cut an object placed between respective blades of the first and second shear blade members;
 - a first linking member having a first end pivotally fastened to the proximal end of the first blade member;

a second linking member having a first end pivotally fastened to the proximal end of the second blade member;
the first and second linking members pivotally connected about a common pivot point; and
wherein the shear is connected to the beam and not directly connected to the all terrain vehicle.

15.(Previously Presented) The system of claim 14 and further comprising:

a support member connected between the all-terrain vehicle and the beam.

16.(Previously Presented) The system of claim 15 wherein the support member is a first hydraulic cylinder.

17.(Previously Presented) The system of claim 14 and further comprising:

a hydraulic system attached to the shear, the hydraulic system comprising a power source separate than that which powers the all-terrain vehicle.

18.(Currently Amended) The system of claim 17 further comprising:

a hydraulic cylinder in communication with ~~the~~ the hydraulic system, wherein a first end of the hydraulic cylinder is attached to the beam, and a second end of the hydraulic cylinder is attached to the first and second linking members at the common pivot point.

19.(Canceled)